

World Bamboo Day celebration on 18th September 2013 at IWST, Bangalore

Institute of Wood Science and technology, Bangalore celebrated World Bamboo Day on 18th September 2013. On this occasion, Director of the institute, **Dr. V. Ramakantha, IFS** released three booklets on three industrially important species (*Guadua angustifolia*, *Dendrocalamus stocksii* and *D.brandisii*) of Peninsular India brought out by Dr. Syam Viswanath, Scientist, IWST and his team to promote these three promising species targeting stakeholders and end users covering all the aspects from cultivation to utilization. Also, Mr. Parameswaran Iyer, Managing Director, Bamboo Pecker, Marathahalli, Bangalore gave an invited talk on Commercial utilization of Bamboo in India. To mark this occasion, a bamboo planting programme was organized and eight commercially important bamboo species were planted in the institute campus with Dr. Mohan Das Hegde, HRD Consultant along with Director, IWST leading the plantation programme with staff and scientists of IWST. Institute has a Bambusetum at Gotipura, Hoskote with collection of 37 different bamboo species collected from all over India. The Institute aims to promote bamboo cultivation since it has high economic, ecological, social and commercial importance on par with any other timber species.





